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Dear Jim,

Jim Lesar told me you've been in touch and that he thinks he can locate the FBI/Star records I sent him. I know Jim. He has good intentions, stays too busy, forgets, and sometimes never gets around to things. If you've not heard from him I suggest again that you ask Dave Wrone at Wisconsin. I still can't recall how I filed the copies I made for myself.

As you can see from the enclosed, the government has a new dirty trick, one that would, I think, ordinarily get a strong negative reaction from a decent appeals court. That they dare try this indicates how they feel about the Reaganized D.C. federal appeals court.

I'm sending it in part in the hope that the recent epidemic of official lying and its consequences may make official lying to a court more interesting to your legal correspondent. I'd appreciate it if you would please give this to him and, if he does not want it, if he'd return it so we won't have that copying to do if anyone else later gets interested.

As I understand the procedure, such a motion goes to the court's counsel and a special panel. I'm hoping that if someone reads this they'll find that the government did not tell the truth about anything. And did lie. I'm also hoping that the repetition that in the past I'd have edited out doesn't offend them. We are both tied, limited, and I wanted to get the damned thing filed without risking having to ask for more time again. It is a retyped draft.

On lying, something I've not seen reported is that Meese's lied at the first White House press conference on the Iran-Contra fiasco. Without that lie there would be no explanation of how it was possible for North to do whatever shredding of records he did do. Meese said that it isn't proper for the FBI to make an investigation in the absence of a federal criminal offense and he then saw none. Aside from this, he is and he has to know he is wrong. The FBI is emposed to make special investigations for the president and Reagan, supposedly, wanted to get to the bottom of it all. The FBI's JFK assassination investigation was a presidential investigation because it then was not a violation of federal law to assassinate a president. The file classification is Administrative Inquiry, No. 62 in their filing system. It is not possible that Judge Webster, who Meese said agreed, did not know the truth, that hundreds if not thousands in the DJ and FBI knew the truth, and that the White House lawyers didn't. But they were all silent, Meese lied and North shredded a la "iddy and all that evidence is gone, perhaps forever. My source on Presidential Investigations is J. Edgar Hoover's Warren Commission testimony. He was quite specific about it.

Best wishes,



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